

### **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

An apparatus for producing a bound print item from unbound printed products supplied in a straddling position to be stitched with wire staples comprises a conveying device with a support that is slanted toward the side and consists of individual elements. The conveying device includes carriers for the synchronized transfer of the printed products to an intermediate conveyor that is installed upstream of a stitching section. The transfer region between the conveying device and the intermediate conveyor is provided with a side-mounted, synchronously operated support plate which has a recess along the circumference to which the carriers are allocated.

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